

Linda Hirschhorn Appointed Music Consultant

Linda Hirschhorn, a well-known composer, musician, conductor, cantorial soloist and music teacher will be Sha'ar Zahav's first music consultant. While Linda will co-lead at Shabbat and festival services on an occasional basis throughout the coming year, her primary responsibility will be to work "behind the bimah," helping the Ritual Committee and our volunteer service leaders develop their skills and expand our congregational repertoire. The music consultant position was made possible through the generosity of David Stein and Daniel Chesir and their many friends who have contributed to the Chesir-Stein Music Enhancement Fund.

Linda brings a wealth of experience to Sha'ar Zahav. She has recorded several albums of original music, and her fourth album, *Roots and Wings*, will be released in mid-October. She has served as Cantor with several congregations including Temple Beth Sholom in San Leandro and Shir Chadash in Los Ga-

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Rabbi Awarded Fellowship

Rabbi Yoel Kahn has been awarded a sabbatical fellowship by Harvard University Divinity School, where he will spend the first half of his sabbatical leave, from February through early May 1993, as a Merrill Fellow. The Charles Merrill Ministerial Fellowship is awarded each year to four clergy who "demonstrate a continuing commitment to congregational ministry."

After his time at Harvard, Rabbi Kahn will lead the CSZ Israel trip in May and be "back on the bimah" at the beginning of the summer.

Blood Drive

Last Minute Reminder!

Saturday, October 3, 10 am-2 pm at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, Turk & Masonic. Call Susan Tubbesing (510/482-3740) to make an appointment. Those who cannot donate are asked to bring noshes, foot rubs and other forms of moral support.

High Holiday Reminders: 5753

Break Fast

Plan on attending the Yom Kippur break fast, right after Neilah (Closing) service on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 7 at the Unitarian Center, and break your fast with your Sha'ar Zahav family.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Sukkot is our autumn harvest festival and a reminder of our people's wanderings in the desert. It's also time to relax after the hectic pace of the "yomim nora'im," the "Days of Awe"—Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

So come join us at Allan Gold's and Gary Glasser's for a real haimish San Francisco Sukkot on Sunday, October 11. Let Steve Elman know (510/651-5857) if you can come by at 11 am to help build and decorate the Presidential Sukkah, or just come 'round at 6 pm for a brief service, pot-luck, and celebration. Sukkot at the Gold-Glasser's will be an event all the community will be talking about.

And then on Saturday, October 17, come celebrate Shabbat Hol Ha-Moed Sukkot, at the sukkah of Rabbi Kahn

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Annual Cemetery Visit—Kever Avot

Our annual visit to the Sha'ar Zahav section of Hills of Eternity Cemetery in Colma is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 at 10 am. Traditionally, Jews visit the graves of relatives during the high holiday season and we have adopted the practice to allow all members of the congregation to participate in this custom.

In addition to visiting the graves of members who are buried in our section, we remember with readings and prayers all of our members, relatives and friends who have died.

Please contact Richard Inlander at 821-4134 if you plan to attend, as we provide a light breakfast after the visit. He can also provide you with directions to Hills of Eternity.

Nontraditional Families, Nontraditional Burials

We at CSZ pride ourselves on being pioneers in many areas of Jewish life, including the creation and maintenance of our unique cemetery at the Hills of Eternity. But did you know that in 1929, when a non-Jew named Wyatt Earp died, his Jewish lover of 50 years, Josephine, decided to have his ashes buried in her parents' family plot at the Hills of Eternity Cemetery in Colma? When she died in 1944, she was buried there along with his ashes.

Josephine knew what you may not know—that because she was Jewish, her non-Jewish significant other could be buried at hills of Eternity, and he was. Today our cemetery plots are available to our members, their families, and their Jewish and non-Jewish lovers. Plots are

available for traditional burial, for burial of ashes, or as in the case of Josephine and Wyatt, a single plot for traditional burial of one with the ashes of the other.

In the January *Forward*, the Cemetery Committee announced that prices at Hills of Eternity would go up on February 1. but, Sherith Israel postponed that increase to its members and CSZ members until November 1. On that date, the price of a plot in our cemetery will go from \$1410 to \$1625. If you buy a plot after November 1, and elect a plan that gives you five years to pay with no interest charges, your annual payment will be \$325. If you buy a plot before November 1, your annual payment will be \$282, a substantial difference.

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Yom Kippur Traditions

Yom Kippur, the most sacred day of the year, has many traditions associated with it. Some of them are ancient, while others have been added in recent years.

White

White is the color of the High Holiday season, and especially of Yom Kippur. The color white has multiple associations: it reminds us of the transformation of spiritual cleansing, alludes to the white shrouds worn in death, and serves to equalize the material distinctions amongst us. Our congregation has never been a place where new clothes are given more prominence than new spirit and commitment on the holidays. Let's make an effort to reclaim an older tradition and, if possible, dress in white for Yom Kippur. Some people, continuing another tradition, do not wear leather on Yom Kippur. If this is a day for seeking compassion, our rabbis taught, we should be especially conscious of what others have given up for us.

Tallit

Throughout the year, the tallit is worn only at daytime services. In honor of the special solemnity of Kol Nidre, it is customary for people to wear a tallit on Yom Kippur evening, and this is the only time through the entire year that this is done. Please bring and wear your tallit to Kol Nidre.

Personal Denial

In order to heighten concentration on our inner life, on Yom Kippur we are taught to separate ourselves from our external life. Traditional practice calls for refraining from work, sex, cosmetics and eating—rules that parallel the rules of mourning. Like the mourner during *shiva*, when the specified time is over, Judaism teaches that we must return fully to life.

Fasting

Fasting is the most widely known custom of Yom Kippur. Traditional practice calls for a complete fast, including water, from the beginning of Kol Nidre through sundown the next day. Fasting on Yom Kippur has three purposes: 1) our own voluntary fast and hunger remind us of those whose hunger and fasting is not by choice, and strengthens our commitment to them; 2) fasting is one part of the separation from material things that helps us focus on the spiritual significance of the day; 3) our ability

to fast reminds us of the power we have over our actions. We are not powerless to change or channel how we conduct even the most deeply rooted patterns of our lives. The break from the ordinary of Yom Kippur, like the shattering sound of the shofar, shakes us from our accustomed ways and challenges us to reexamine ourselves.

Tzedakah

It is customary to give tzedakah in honor of the New Year. In addition to our annual opportunity to make a special gift to our community, CSZ will continue our tradition of supporting the AIDS Food Bank at Yom Kippur. Take the ingredients for the various meals you are not eating on Yom Kippur, put them in a bag, and bring them to the Unitarian Center on Kol Nidre. This is an immediate and direct way to turn our inner spiritual resolve into *mitzvah*—action.

Afternoon Discussions

Something new this year, which I hope will become a tradition, are forums on Yom Kippur afternoon. At least two different forums, with separate subjects and formats, are scheduled for the "afternoon break" on Yom Kippur day. These facilitated discussion/reflection sessions will provide opportunities to explore with others the concerns and issues which are present for us all at Yom Kippur, but which we often do not have a place to explore with others. Details of topics, locations, and formats will be announced at Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day services.

Greetings

It is my personal tradition to remind people that while *L'Shanah Tovah Tika-tevu* (*May you be inscribed for a good New Year*) is always nice, as an extension of the Book of Life metaphors, the formal greeting for Yom Kippur is *Gemer Chatimah Tovah* (*May your inscription for the New Year be sealed for goodness*). May each of you and all of us and our world be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a sweet New Year.

New day for Shabbat morning services

In order to make scheduling easier, CSZ's monthly Saturday morning service will move, beginning on November 14 to the second Saturday of each month. Our Shabbat morning services are informal, spirited and participatory; a

discussion of the weekly Torah portion is a major feature of our services.

Wedding/Union Planning

Domestic partnership? Life partnership? Marriage? Everything you've wanted to know about planning a commitment ceremony—from ketubah to chuppah to canapes—will be explained at an informative evening with Rabbi Yoel Kahn on Sunday, November 15, at 7 pm. If you are considering a ceremony in 1993 or 1994, you are strongly encouraged to attend this program, which will include comments and guidance from couples who have celebrated a variety of different ceremonies. You do not have to be planning a ceremony at this time or be in a relationship to participate; it is open to all the CSZ members and their partners. Please RSVP to the synagogue office if you would like to attend.

Saturday Morning Service Dates for 5753

October 17, 20 Tishri

November 14, 18 Cheshvan

December 12, 17 Kislev

January 9, 16 Tevet

February 13, 22 Shevat

March 13, 20 Adar

April 10, 19 Nisan

May 8, 17 Iyyar

June 12, 23 Sivan

July 10, 21 Tammuz

August 14, 27 Av

September 11, 25 Elul

Rosen Lecture

Dave Rosen will lead a discussion on "Leo Baeck and the German Jewish Dilemma" for any interested history buffs on Tuesday, October 13, 7:30–9:30 pm. Dave is a former history professor from the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota. Call 552-0118 for location.

Fall Adult Education Program

CSZ's Adult Education Committee has arranged a very comprehensive selection of courses for this fall. Most classes are being co-sponsored by the Lehrhaus Judaica and the San Francisco Jewish Community Center. All classes will be at CSZ unless otherwise noted. Costs are listed with each course description.

Please register by calling the synagogue office as soon as possible, as some classes have enrollment limits. Payment must be made no later than the beginning of the second class session.

Introduction to Judaism

Phyllis Mintzer, Jewish Educator

Eight weeks beginning October 13;
7-8:15 pm

CSZ or JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

A survey of Jewish theology, sacred literature, prayer, holidays and life cycles. A course for both Jews and non-Jews who want to enrich their basic knowledge of Judaism, and for individuals considering conversion to Judaism.

Exploring the Sources: How To Read a Text

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Congregation
Sha'ar Zahav

Eight weeks beginning October 13;
7-8:15 pm

CSZ members *free*, JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

How do you find something in the Talmud? What is the Zohar? Who wrote the Midrash? Using Barry Holtz's text *Back to the Sources*, this class will learn how to use and how to appreciate a variety of classical Jewish texts. For each source, we will first learn how to access the book, how to identify key words, how the volume is organized and how to find a reference; the following session will explore a key passage in the text, and examine how to "read" the text for maximum insight and appreciation. This course will cover the Talmud, Midrash, Zohar, Siddur and Tanach. It is open to everyone and especially recommended for people new to Jewish study and bar/bat mitzvah students.

Kabbalah and Psychology

Yehuda Israely, M.A., Lecturer and
Therapist

Six weeks beginning October 13; 7-9 pm

CSZ or JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

Kabbalah is the central body of knowl-

edge of Jewish mysticism. For more than 2000 years, Kabbalists attempted to describe the depths of human experience and relations with the Divine through means that are beyond rational linear thought. Many components in psychology can be traced to mysticism in general and Kabbalah in particular. In this course we will explore the enormous impact of Jewish thought on modern psychology. We will use psychology to learn about Kabbalah, use Kabbalah to learn about psychology, and learn from both about the depths of our minds.

The course will include psychological interpretations of Kabbalistic tales, dreams, scripture, metaphysical theories, symbols and cultural-historical developments, and comparisons of therapeutic methods in Kabbalah and psychology. No previous knowledge of Kabbalah or psychology is needed. The format of the class is lecture and discussion.

Introduction to Biblical and Prayerbook Hebrew

Phyllis Mintzer, Jewish Educator

Eight weeks beginning October 13;
8:30-9:45 pm

CSZ or JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

Teaching the essentials of biblical and prayerbook Hebrew, this course has as its goal basic competency in reading as well as understanding the root meaning of words in Hebrew texts found in weekly religious services. Prerequisite: reading knowledge of aleph-bet and vowels.

Origins of Zionism: From the Bible to Herzl

Rabbi Yoel Kahn, Congregation

Sha'ar Zahav
Eight weeks beginning October 13;
8:30-9:45 pm

CSZ members *free*, JCC members \$40, non-members \$60.

The Jewish people have always been linked to the Land of Israel. From biblical psalms to Spanish poets to 19th century political thinkers, this class will explore the special place of the Land of Israel in the spirituality and politics of the Jewish people throughout the centuries. Beginning with the Bible, the class will examine rabbinic, medieval and enlightenment era texts and teachings about Zion, all of which set the stage for the emergence of political Zionism. All

class readings will be in English.

Torah Chanting Made Easy

Cantor Steven Puzarne

Eight weeks beginning October 14
(skipping erev Thanksgiving);
7:30-9 pm at the JCC

CSZ or JCC members \$50, non-members \$70.

Note: to register, call the JCC
(346-6040)

This is a beginners' workshop in chanting from the Torah according to the masoretic trope symbols. Come learn cantillation from an outstanding cantor and teacher.

Make Your Own Hanukkah Gifts—Yarmulke Crocheting

Gordon Osser, member of CSZ

Three weeks beginning November
24; 7-8:15 pm

For Sha'ar Zahav members only; limit
10 students; *free*, but sign up soon.

This course will cover the basics of the crochet stitch, how to construct a basic yarmulke and how to add decorative crochet trim. Students will be asked to bring their own No. 8 (or H) crochet hook and a 6 oz. bolt of four-ply yarn. This larger format hook will allow you to learn faster and see your stitchwork. After you have learned the basics you can progress to smaller size hooks. Each session will include instruction and supervised work. Students will return the following week with examples of what has been done between classes.

Any member who is interested in joining the Adult Education Committee can contact the synagogue office or Don Albert (641-5113).

Xmas Already?

It's not too early to start making your December holiday plans. This Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav will once again cook and deliver meals for Project Open Hand. In past years, this Bikkur Cholim committee program has proven an extremely rewarding experience for all who participated. It's a wonderful way to be Jewish at Christmas, while performing a much-appreciated mitzvah.

Mark your calendars now and watch for the sign-up form to be included in next month's *Forward*.

Education—A Renewed Commitment

My writing this column seems a bit strange since I have worked as a professional educator for nearly 20 years. From the time I was a small child, I valued education and expected never to stop learning. My father, a high school teacher, taught me that education was the key to every kind of success in life and the cure for all social ills and personal lacks. Not insignificantly, my father's willingness to be educated about homosexuality and deal with it intellectually has helped him understand and accept me. I knew early on that I would be some kind of educator. I thrilled from the experience of learning new things and teaching them to others. Though my job as a school psychologist entails many functions, I see myself primarily as a teacher for children, parents, and teachers. I continually try to update my own skills through continuing professional education, reading, and conferences, and I feel a strong responsibility to do so.

So what's the problem here? (sound of closet door squeaking open.) I have not felt the same way at all about my Jewish education as an adult. Until rather recently, I haven't even given much thought to the fact that I have never taken a class in Jewish anything since I completed my Jewish studies in the high school class at Temple Emanu-El in 1963. As a synagogue president, I don't think that's much to be proud of. Inspired by a workshop at our summer Advance on Adult Education, I began to ask myself why my formal Jewish education stopped nearly thirty years ago, while I continued my formal professional education through a Ph.D. and continue to seek new knowledge in many other areas. I hope that my thoughts might resonate with the thoughts of others of you who have mixed feelings about the quality and quantity of your Jewish education.

I can't say that my neglect of Jewish studies as an adult stemmed from any terrible experiences as a child. I attended Reform Jewish "Sunday School" from second grade on. I liked my teachers and classmates, and except for a time around fifth or sixth grade, generally enjoyed the curriculum. I learned about the holidays and rituals, learned to read, but not understand or speak Hebrew (it was really not a very logical program),

learned a lot of Jewish history, and not very much theology at all. Through it all was the idea of moral and social responsibility that I carry with me strongly to this day. I liked my studies well enough to continue beyond my Bar Mitzvah to Confirmation and a high school level class. And then it all stopped.

My Jewish experiences in my 20s were limited to arguments with my (then) wife about Temple Emanu-El not being "Jewish enough," and strongly contradictory feelings when I went to services during Basic Training in the Army, because the liturgy was conservative and unfamiliar and strange; and yet that was the only time I felt at all safe at Fort Polk, Louisiana in 1970. My resolution was to ignore anything Jewish except to go to High Holiday services each year. In 1978, I first came to a service at Sha'ar Zahav. I was faced with the same ambivalence I had felt in Louisiana. The ritual was completely unfamiliar, the tunes were all different, and I basically had no idea what was going on, and ... it was the first time I had ever felt safe and validated as a gay Jew. Fortunately, this time my need to integrate my gay and Jewish selves prevailed over my need for ritual familiarity, and I stayed.

Yet the struggle was not over. My first lover, whom I met at Sha'ar Zahav, is a person who is very knowledgeable about many aspects of Jewish culture and religion. For much of the time we were together, I felt that I wasn't a good enough Jew, because I didn't know enough, or hadn't learned the right things in my earlier education, or wasn't observant enough. I wasn't mature or secure enough to ask questions, take classes, or improve my own knowledge, but I merely absorbed what I could by osmosis and settled for that. My current lover (of nearly seven years), who is not Jewish, doesn't/can't feed into my own insecurities in this area, so I am free to/forced to confront the issue out of my own need to grow. So I ask myself again, what is it that has kept me from pursuing further Jewish education, especially when the synagogue has become such an important part of my life?

It would be easy to say that lack of time is the main reason. After all, I have a job, I need to do professional reading, I have lots of family (of origin) caretak-

ing responsibilities, a lover to love and grow with and a synagogue to try to help run. Yet I find time to take an art class, read for pleasure, and go to the movies. Jewish education simply hasn't been a high priority for me.

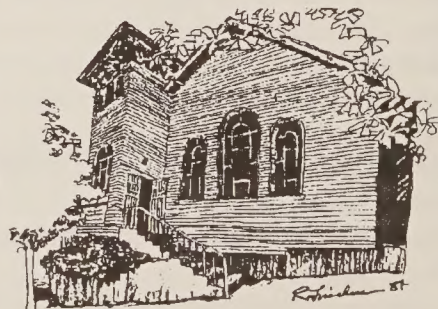
The fact is there's something scary about putting myself in a position where I'm not very knowledgeable. Like all of us, I have old "tapes" about school. Would I have to "get an A," compete to say the most clever and insightful comments? Would I even have the background to understand the content of some of the classes, would I be expected to be politically aware and have opinions about current events? What if I didn't "get" some theological point or couldn't think of an interpretation of a Torah passage? Are presidents of synagogues supposed to know all this stuff?

Maybe it's time to let some of that go. There is a tremendous richness of heritage and tradition, of philosophy and thought, of literature and culture that I am denying myself for reasons that no longer have validity. I am sure that I can learn much that will increase my understanding in specific ways, such as

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Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Gift Shop



Friday nights
7:30–8:05 pm

"The Government Accountability and Taxpayer Protection Act"

Prop 165: A Deceptive and Dangerous Initiative

In July, when other Bay Area residents were enjoying our cool weather, I was meshuggeh enough to head off to the sweltering heat of Washington, D.C. The experience, being a part of the UAHC's first National Social Action Training Retreat, was well worth the schvitz. In an intense weekend, social action leaders from all over the U.S. were trained in how to run meaningful social action programs in our congregations. The training was put together by the Religious

Action Center of Reform Judaism (commonly known as "the RAC"), the UAHC's voice for Jewish values on Capitol Hill. When I asked a RAC staff member about the purpose of the training, she explained that they foresee their office's effectiveness diminishing, as more and more political/ethical issues are left to the state governments, as has already happened in the area of abortion rights. They therefore want to train congrega-

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Eat well and perform a mitzvah!

Out of Our Kitchen Closets: San Francisco Gay Jewish Cooking

CSZ's critically acclaimed cook-book is available from the CSZ office or gift shop.

To order by mail, send \$12.95 per book (plus 8.25% sales tax in California) and \$2.25 shipping for the first book and \$1.00 each additional copy to:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
220 Danvers Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

The cookbook find of the season.

—Feminist Bookstore News
Funny, endearing and inventively cross-cultural.

—San Francisco Chronicle

CSZ donates \$3.00 from the sale of each book to the Project Open Hand Food Bank, which provides nonperishable items to people with AIDS. To date, we have given in excess of \$15,000.

New Members' Potluck Coming Up Next Month

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 7, 5 pm–8 pm, when CSZ new members are encouraged to gather at the home of Rabbi Kahn and Dan Bellm for a potluck dinner and Havdalah service. Invitations to new members will go out by the end of this month, but in the meantime, be sure to save the date.

Women's Shabbat Dinner

By popular demand, Women's Shabbat dinners are back this fall. Plan to join us on Friday October 30, at 6:30 pm in the synagogue library, for a lovely, catered dinner. The cost is \$10.50 per person. Please RSVP to Audrey Adelson at (510/849-3021), by Wednesday, October 28, and indicate meat or vegetarian preference.

Havdalah Potluck Scheduled for East Bay

Join the Women's Chavurah for our next Havdalah potluck, in Oakland, at the home of Susan Schulman, 5358 Shafter, Saturday, October 17, at 7 pm. If you're new to CSZ or an old timer, the potlucks are a great way to meet other Sha'ar Zahav women or to shmooz with old friends. Put it on your calendar now! We'll celebrate Havdalah, discuss plans for the Mah Jongg Jubilee and firm up plans for other Fall activities. (Rumor has it that a 2nd Annual Bowling Night may be in the works.)

Take Highway 24 to the Claremont Exit. Go straight across the street and continue to the first stop sign, Shafter. Turn left on Shafter and go to 5358, on the right side of the street. Call Susan for more detailed directions (510/547-3602). If your last name begins with A–H, please bring a side dish; I–P, a main dish; and Q–Z, a dessert.

Women's Chavurah

Mah Jongg Jubilee

Help revive the tradition of our mothers and grandmothers. CSZ members Gail Friedlander and Robin Leonard, along with the other mah jongg mavens in their group, will teach us the mysteries of one bam and two crack, and maybe even where east meets west.... Festivities begin at 1 pm, Sunday November 15, at Susan Unger and Pam Erwin's, 355 Buena Vista Ave. East, San Francisco. Press the buzzer for #111-W and follow the balloons. Bring a nosh to share, and if you have a mah jongg set, bring it, too. Please RSVP to Susan or Pam (648-7828).

Dr. Diane Sabin

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September Va'ad Report

The September meeting of the Va'ad opened with an examination of a section of the 1976 work, *Reform Judaism: A Centenary Perspective*. We discussed the values of western culture versus the values of Judaism. As we furthered our examination, we realized that we did not all agree with the premise of what we were reading, and that many of us found the implications of it to be less than crystal clear.

In Gary Sokol's absence, Ed Lopatin delivered the treasurer's report. He noted several apparent cash shortfalls in the budget. We felt that next month's report would be a better indicator of the financial strength of CSZ, as it will reflect High Holiday ticket sales and continuing receipt of dues pledges. The Va'ad expressed additional concern regarding the continuing effect of the recession on the congregation's budget. Gary, Ed and the Va'ad will carefully monitor the situation. In the final financial matter, a Va'ad member noted that we currently maintain a substantial checking account with Security Pacific, which is being subsumed by Bank of America. The member raised the question of our pulling our funds from the account because of Bank of America's support of the Boy Scouts, but the Va'ad took no action at this time.

Our synagogue's membership continues to grow. Seven families and twenty individuals were presented and approved as members of the congregation. The Va'ad expressed its appreciation for the hard work performed by the Membership Committee.

Next up on the agenda was a recommendation by the special task force on the relationship among categories of synagogue membership and their impact on services and dues. Currently, there are three categories of membership: full membership, affiliate membership, and friend. Several questions had come up regarding the dues for affiliates, specifically with respect to bi-religious families (or individuals) whose family income was also used to pay financial obligations to the other religious institutions. We were unable to reach an agreement and decided to ask the Past Presidents Council to further study the issue and make recommendations. At its discretion, the Past Presidents Council will have the

option of working with other members of the congregation.

Tiela Chalmers announced that the congregation had hired Linda Hirschhorn as music consultant. Her responsibilities will include working with the Ritual Committee and other lay service leaders. In addition, Lisa McLaughlin has been hired as our new bookkeeper.

Ron Wilmot appeared on behalf of the Building Renovation Task Force, and was given a document which was prepared at a recent mini-Advance. This document listed various renovations which might be made to the synagogue, ranging from a new roof to increasing accessibility to seismic safety considerations. The first priority of the task force will be to establish priorities, taking into account available resources, funds and the Long Range Plan.

Recognizing that urgent action issues will sometimes arise and that there might not be sufficient time to gain Va'ad approval, the Social Action Committee asked the Va'ad to permit representatives of the committee to send mailers and/or to make phone calls to individuals on the "Action Alert" list on issues that fall within the congregation's or the committee's social action objectives. The committee would have to first obtain approval from the president, or in his or her absence, from the program vice president. The Va'ad approved the Social Action Committee's request, but indicated that (1) the material would have to be clearly identified as being sent by the committee; if approved by the Va'ad, this too would be indicated; (2) the president's approval of the mailing or calls would be subsequently reported to the Va'ad; (3) any calls should be made to the member's home phone only.

Moving on to another topic concerning the "Action Alert" list, the Va'ad dealt with a request to approve use of the list by the California Democratic Party's Clinton/Gore San Francisco Marin Jewish Community Mobilization Steering Committee (whew). Through the use of the list, our members would be informed of campaign activities and public forums, and would receive informational materials. The Va'ad discussed the appropriateness of the request, voted to make the list available to the Steering

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Petie A. and Sharon M.

Rebecca Benoit

Rachel K. Bernstein and
Susan Mizner

Eileen M. Blumenthal

William Denebeim

Nancy L. Drooker and
Alexandra B. Sabin

Sara Felder and Devra Noily

James A. Frazin and Ethan Frazin

Bruce S. Friedman and
Jeffrey L. Ferguson

Ellen Beth Goldstein

Dale T. Golden, Kama J. Golden,
Matthew B. Golden, Keely H. Golden

Judith Elaine Green

Leslie Ray Halpern

Alisa Klinger

Matthew Levine

Ron and Ruth Miguel

Jeanette Nichols

Douglas H. Okun

Jonathan Pannor and
William E. Valentine

Jerrold S. Polansky and
Mark Schoenberg

Roberta Lynn Rosenthal

Jeffrey B. Sherman

Eric J. Temple

Barney M. Ugarte

Ivan A. Vincente

Shoshana Wechsler and Randy Daar

We're grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Condolences

To **Lyssa Friedman** on the death of her friend John Hixson.

To **Ellen Gierson** on the death of her friend Margaret Berdine.

To **Susan Kaplan** on the death of her mother Gussy Kaplan.

More contact with non-parents desired!

Children's Programming: Where We've Been and Where We're Going

A few months ago, President Allan Gold appointed a Children's Task Force to review the needs of our children and our families with children. We began by reviewing the three goals identified in the Long Range Plan:

Education, Goal 2: Children's Education. "Meet the needs of our children and youth for education in Jewish studies, including both religious and cultural subjects through both formal and informal instruction."

Health and Support, Goal 5: Children. "Address the needs of individuals and families with children, emphasizing personal support and the inclusion of children in the CSZ community."

Social Programming, Goal 1: Sense of Community. "Identify, develop and implement social programs that provide opportunities for all members to participate and foster a sense of community, recognizing the importance of social activities in our congregational life."

The Children's Programming Task Force is pleased to report that the congregation has done much to advance these goals. The Task Force also looked to the future. It sent a survey to members of the congregation with children and included an extra copy to be given to nonmembers thinking about joining or members thinking about becoming parents. We received surveys on behalf of 34 of CSZ's 51 children.

The opinions expressed by the parents fell into two categories. First, we received specific programming suggestions, such as events for children under five years, children's participation at services, and a regular children's section in the newsletter. These ideas and others have been passed along to the appropriate committees and to the Va'ad.

Second, parents expressed more general sentiments about children's presence within the CSZ community. Many families felt unsure of their place at services or other synagogue-wide events, wondering if the children behave as children do, are the families still welcome? Parents made many suggestions for helping them feel welcomed, emphasizing the need for contact between non-parents and children. We would like to see non-parents participate in Kadimah and childcare,

attend children's services, and help us plan intergenerational activities.

The Children's Programming Task Force thanks all who answered the survey and all who help further the goals of the Long Range Plan for our families with children.

—Ida Kuluk

New Faces of 5753

The Drama/Comedy Chavurah has accepted the challenge of presenting theatrical entertainment for Chanukah! People are needed for a talent show and Chanukah spiel (the working title is "A Mah Jongg Chanukah"). We need singers, non-singers, dancers, non-dancers, comedians, magicians, musicians, actresses, actors, children of all ages, and stagehands—even groupies. You, too, can be a star (six-pointed of course!). The show will be presented the weekend of December 19. *If we present it, they will come.* Call the office or Jonathan Goldman (641-4231).

Singles Plan Post-Fast Feast

After the Yom Kippur break fast at the Unitarian Center, the CSZ Singles Chavurah invites all singles to join us at a nearby restaurant for a festive meal.

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All services will be held at the Unitarian Center (1187 Franklin at Geary) unless otherwise noted.

Shabbat Shuvah

Evening

Friday, October 2, 8:15 pm at CSZ

Blood Drive

Saturday, October 3, 10 am–2 pm, Irwin Memorial, 250 Masonic

Cemetery Visit

Sunday, October 4, 10 am, Hills of Eternity, Colma

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 6, 7:30 pm

Morning (Shacharit, Musaf and Children's Service)

Wednesday, October 7, 10 am Afternoon (Minchah)

Wednesday, October 7, 3:15 pm Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah

Wednesday, October 7, 5 pm

Sukkot

Sunday, October 11, home of Allan Gold and Gary Glasser, 424 Central Ave., San Francisco

11 am, Sukkah building and decorating

6 pm, Service, celebration and potluck

Saturday, October 17, home of Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Dan Bellm, 61 Ford St., San Francisco

10:30am, Shacharit

Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 18, Ma'ariv, 7 pm, at CSZ

HH Reminders

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and Dan Bellm (61 Ford St., SF) at 10:30 am, with a Sukkot service followed by a high kiddush.

Simchat Torah marks the end and the beginning of our yearly cycle of Torah reading. It's a time of great joy and merriment as we sing and dance with the Torah under the chuppah. Come join in Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's unique Simchat Torah celebration on Sunday, October 18, at 7:30 pm at the synagogue. You haven't danced 'til you've danced with the Torah!

President's Column

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Hebrew language, liturgical traditions, history, and current events, but I know, too, that my religion can help me answer some of the existential and philosophical questions that I find myself asking at this time in my life. It is time for me to make a commitment to myself to broaden my Jewish knowledge.

This idea of commitment came up at our Advance workshop. It was acknowledged that commitment to volunteerism was a basic expectation of Sha'ar Zahav membership. In my articles and in announcements, in the Gaily Forward and in informal interactions we place a high value on the time and energy people volunteer in service to the synagogue. I would now like to add the commitment to Jewish education as an expectation for our members. I would like each of you to consider your own relationship to continuing Jewish education, and to make some commitment each year to learning something new. It doesn't matter if it's learning how to bake latkes or how to interpret Torah passages, but anything new that you learn will not only enrich your own Jewish experience, but, like all knowledge, can be shared with others.

By now all members have received the survey and questionnaire on adult education from the Education Committee. I urge you to complete it and return it to the office. We want to be able to develop an educational program that

will meet the time, location, and curriculum needs of as many people as possible, so your response is of crucial importance. My personal goal is that we have a program that will provide challenges for the most knowledgeable among us, new skills for those who are artistic and "hands-on" learners, and a safe place for those who may still be carrying some unfortunate experiences and some insecurity about their Jewish education, so that they can start at the beginning or middle and have their lives enriched by some part of all that Judaism, our rabbi, and other community educators have to offer. I know I'll be taking part in some educational activity this year and in the years to come. I hope many of you will, too.

Finally, to acknowledge and support the work of the Education Committee,

the synagogue will honor its members at a special oneg on October 30. Your attendance will be a symbolic gesture of your commitment to your continuing Jewish education.

African Americans and American Jews

Bridges and Boundaries, an exhibition presented at the Jewish Museum San Francisco from October 15 to December 20, examines the complex relationship between African Americans and American Jews in the 20th century. The dramatic story of cooperation and conflict is told through over 300 artifacts, photographs, documents, media materials and works of original art. The museum is located at 121 Steuart Street.

Burials

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Why not make pre-need arrangements today? You will be taking care of matters now so that others, who may disagree with each other, do not have to do so when they are emotionally vulnerable and possibly unable to think clearly. Also, you can spread the payments out over five years, lifting the burden of one large payment right after your death from your loved ones or your estate.

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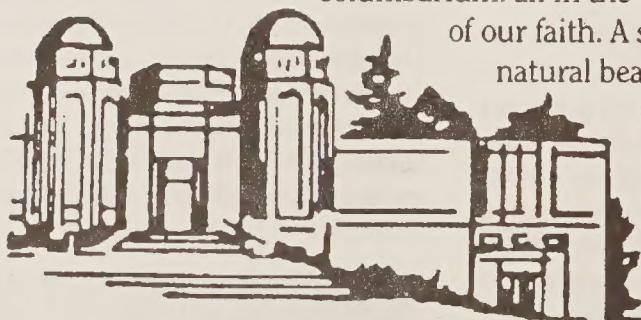
—Richard Inlander
Chair, Cemetery Committee

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Bikkur Cholim Committee Needs You

The Bikkur Cholim Committee needs volunteers to help perform acts of loving kindness and *tzedakah* for members and others in need in the Jewish and lesbian/gay communities.

Regular activities of the Bikkur Cholim Committee include:

- visiting ill and elderly members of the congregation at home or in the hospital
- making Jewish holiday visits to isolated elderly Jews in nursing homes, and
- leading quarterly Shabbat services and hosting an oneg at the Jewish Home for the Aged

In addition, the Bikkur Cholim Committee works closely with Rabbi Kahn in assisting members of the congregation in need. As our membership continues to grow—and illness remains a constant presence in our community—additional members are needed to assist the rabbi. And when Rabbi Kahn is on his three-month sabbatical next spring, members of the congregation will be called upon to fill in. If you can perform a *mitzvah*—now or in the next few months—please call Paul Cohen, 383-8954.

Help Plan Spring '93 Educational Classes

Are you impressed by the plethora of classes offered for adults by the Education Committee this fall? (In case you've forgotten, classes begin on October 13 and include "Introduction to Judaism," "Exploring the Sources: How To Read a Text," "Kabbalah and Psychology," "Introduction to Biblical and Prayerbook Hebrew," "Origins of Zionism: From the Bible to Herzl," "Torah Chanting Made Easy" and "Make Your Own Chanukah Gifts—Yarmulke Crocheting.")

The Education Committee worked hard at coming up with topics and finding instructors. Right now, committee members are gearing up to start working on scheduling classes for next spring. But the committee needs help and wants fresh input. If you have a background in adult Jewish education, if you have no background in adult Jewish education but have opinions (what Jew doesn't have opinions!) or if you don't remember your background in adult Jewish education but simply want to help shape CSZ's spring adult education program, please call the chair of the Education Committee, Don Albert, 641-5113.

Election Year Matters

As you probably know, CSZ maintains an Action Alert mailing list of members who have indicated that they want to be informed about social justice issues and events. The list is used by our Social Action Committee and is, with Va'ad approval, sometimes made available to other organizations who want to disseminate particular information of interest to our members.

Our Mission statement provides that one of our congregational values is *tikkun olam* (repairing or healing the world). As a part of *tikkun olam*, we encourage our members to become informed about this season's electoral politics. In consequence, the Va'ad has recently approved the use of the Action Alert list by the California Democratic Party's Clinton/Gore San Francisco Marin Jewish Community Mobilization Steering Committee (despite their ridiculously long name). The committee will use the list to disseminate information regarding campaign activities.

Please note that neither the Va'ad nor CSZ endorse any political candidates in any way. The Va'ad will consider requests from other political organizations with particular Jewish or gay/lesbian focus. Although CSZ does not make any specific endorsements, we do encourage our members to vote.

Don't forget ...

Complete and return your adult education survey by October 15. You can mail it or drop it off at the information table during Yom Kippur.

Adult Bat/Bar Mitzvah

It's never too late to become bat/bar mitzvah! If you never had the opportunity before—or even if you want to do it again—you can become an adult bat/bar mitzvah at CSZ. A group is forming now to begin a course of study which will culminate in a ceremony in spring 1994 (that's sooner than you think!). If this interests you—or might interest you—you are invited to an informational meeting with Rabbi Yoel Kahn on Monday, October 26 at 8 pm in the synagogue library. Please call the office to reserve a space. In the meantime, we encourage all potential bnot/bnai mitzvah students to enroll now in an adult education class, whether at CSZ on Tuesday evenings or at one of Lehrhaus Judaism's sites.

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Anniversaries

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| 12 | Alex Ingersoll & David Stein |
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| 29 | Bill Goldstein & Chris Archuleta |
| 30 | Gail Friedlander & Gail Atkins |

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Hirschorn

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tos. Linda has also toured the country singing for Hillel organizations, synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, and conferences, as well as at many folk venues. She is the founder and director of a Jewish women's performing group, Vocolot. Many of us heard Linda and Vocolot sing at the World Congress' 12th International Conference last spring.

Linda has already been busy, listening to our melodies and suggesting new ones. She will be co-leading Simchat Torah services on Sunday evening, October 18.

Prop. 165

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tions to be ready to respond appropriately when important issues surface in each state.

I came back very enthusiastic about applying my new knowledge to my fairly new position as Chair of the UAHC Regional Social Action Committee. But I thought that I might have a little time to test it out.

Less than a month after I came back, I learned from a colleague about Prop. 165, the so-called Government Accountability & Taxpayer Protection Act initiative, which will be on the November statewide ballot. Critics of Prop. 165 state that it would give the governor control over the state budget and would drastically reduce public benefits upon which several million Californians depend.

Critics continue that Prop. 165 would cut 10-25% from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) grants. AFDC is the basic welfare benefit for poor families with children. The Current AFDC grant for a family of three is \$663 per month, whereas the average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment in California is over \$710. Last September, when AFDC grants were cut by 4%, the number of families turned away from the main homeless family shelter in San Francisco more than tripled. The Western Center on Law and Poverty estimates that if the AFDC cuts in Prop. 165 take effect, nearly a quarter of a million women and children in California will become homeless because their grants will simply not cover their rent.

Prop. 165 will also eliminate cost-of-living allowances for the sick, disabled, and elderly poor who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), the main benefit for disabled adults who haven't earned enough to qualify for regular Social Security benefits. Thus, many people with AIDS and other severe disabilities will suffer when their expenses rise but their grants do not.

Many sick people who are awaiting an SSI determination depend upon General Assistance (GA), a short-term county-funded benefit, to survive. Under Prop. 165, the state law requiring counties to provide for their poor will be repealed, so that counties can eliminate their GA benefits altogether.

Prop. 165 also makes crucial changes in the state budget process. Under this initiative, the governor's budget pro-

posal deadline is extended by seven weeks, while the legislature still must pass a budget by July 1. This gives the legislature seven fewer weeks to analyze and negotiate. If the July 1 deadline passes without a budget, the governor can declare a "fiscal emergency" and cut funding for virtually any program. Once a budget is adopted, the governor can declare a "fiscal emergency" any time revenues or expenditures are 3% below Department of Finance projections and eliminate funding from programs. The Director of Finance is appointed by the governor.

The UAHC Northern California Social Action Committee urges you to learn more about this Proposition and vote. For more information, call Allyce Kimerling (282-6599) or the "No on 165 Committee," (346-3740).

—Allyce Kimerling,
Member, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
and Chair, UAHC Regional
Social Action Committee

AIDS Food Drive

One of the reasons we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind ourselves of the hunger of those in need. As we have done for the last five years, CSZ will collect non-perishable food for the AIDS Food Bank at our Kol Nidre service. Please bring a bag of food items as part of your Yom Kippur observance. We will accept food donations until 1 pm on October 7, Yom Kippur day.

Office Notes

This has been a very busy time in the office with the advent of the High Holidays. I would like to thank Ivan Vincente, Sylvia Weisenberg and Eli Weinstein for volunteering in the office. Their help was invaluable in getting us through this very hectic season.

Just a reminder that when dealing with the office, clarity in your request is key. If you send in a dues payment, please include a note on a full-size piece of paper (we recycle and re-use paper). If you call the office with a request, please wait at least 48 hours for a reply before calling back with the same request.

If you have small database changes/additions/deletions, please submit them in writing to the office.

We ask for your patience and understanding through this holiday season.

—Mark Pressler, Office Manager

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Andy Klein, thanking CSZ for being so friendly to him on his vacation and for a wonderful service

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Naches

To **Adam Inlander** on being selected Outstanding Undergraduate in the country by Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and on being selected to serve on the national fraternity board.

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All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. For co-sponsoring—in honor of a member's birthday or anniversary—the cost is only \$10.

You can also add a more personal touch by providing flowers (for the bima or oneg room) or special food to celebrate your occasion.

Va'ad

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Committee, and directed that an explanation appear in the *Forward* and on the Friday evening announcement sheet.

Continuing in the political vein, the Va'ad was told that Governor Wilson is expected to veto the California Omnibus Civil Rights Bill. The Committee for Contemporary Family Values is planning a peaceful rally in anticipation of such veto, and has asked Rabbi Kahn and the congregation to furnish a written endorsement. The Va'ad authorized such an endorsement.

Rabbi Kahn, in his report, brought us up-to-date on High Holiday preparations. Of special note is a Yom Kippur afternoon discussion activity which is now taking shape. Possible topics include: Meditation, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, and Gay Identity/Political Identity/Jewish Identity. The rabbi also announced that talks are being held with Jewish Family Services regarding Jewish Big Brothers/Jewish Big Sisters

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activities within the congregation, and that a third teacher for Kadimah has been hired.

President Allan Gold noted that although our sister congregation Etz Chaim in Miami sustained no damage in Hurricane Andrew, several of its members lost their homes. The Va'ad voted to send \$100 from the General Fund to the Hurricane Relief Fund, as well as several additional checks already donated by CSZ members.

Office Manager Mark Pressler reminded us that anti-Semitic activities sometimes coincide with the High Holidays, and asked us to be alert to potential trouble. Mark distributed the Anti-Defamation League's *Guidelines for Responding to Anti-Semitic Vandalism*, along with CSZ Security Procedures.

To end the evening on a happy note, we concluded with *Oseh Shalom* in perfect pitch.

—Mark Mackler, Recorder

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My Vacation at Camp Swig

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The nights were also special. Before dinner every night, a cabin would lead the service and that was nice. But what was really neat were the after-dinner programs, like humna board games. One night, we had a little carnival and another time we had a campfire. That all was pretty neat, but the best part was Shabbat. Everyone was in white and there were visitors. We sat on the lawn and all the song leaders from all the sessions were there and the rabbis were

there. The director of the camp would lead the service and then there would be a big singing session after. It was all wonderful.

—Evan Kuluk,
CSZ Kadimah Student

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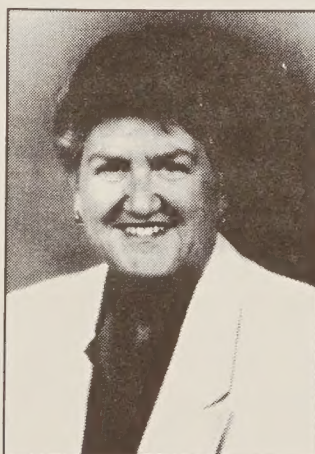
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6 Tuesday 9 Tishri	15 Thursday 18 Tishri	23 Friday 26 Tishri	30 Friday 3 Heshvan
Yom Kippur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30, Bikkur Cholim meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15pm, Shabbat Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:30pm, Women's Shabbat dinner8:15pm, Shabbat services
7 Wednesday 10 Tishri	16 Friday 19 Tishri		31 Saturday 4 Heshvan
Yom Kippur	<ul style="list-style-type: none">8:15pm, Shabbat Services8:15pm, East Bay Service		<ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30am, Kadimah
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Office closed			
8 Thursday 11 Tishri			

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

Note: For High Holidays service schedule, see box on page 7.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the November *Gaily Forward* is

Monday, October 12

No late submissions will be published without a deadline extension arranged in advance with the newsletter chair. Any CSZ member is welcome to submit articles of interest to our readership. Please type and double-space your articles. You may mail or fax (861-6081) your material to CSZ, Attn: *Gaily Forward*.

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